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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of New Cost Recovery Mechanism and Portfolio of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs  
**Docket No. 2013-298-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and does not object to the filing submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") on May 15, 2018, in the above referenced Docket. The Company seeks approval from the Commission for a modification to its Residential Multi-Family Energy Efficiency Program ("Program").

The Program is currently offered to property managers of individually metered apartments consisting of four or more dwelling units per building. The Company proposes to expand the Program's availability to property managers of all individually metered apartments.

According to the Company, the proposed modification will permit more customers to participate in the Program and will not materially impact the Program's cost effectiveness.

ORS reserves its right to address the reasonableness of resulting costs in a subsequent proceeding.

Letter—Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Bateman', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: Parties of Record  
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-mail)